GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:213
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SHIPPING PROTOCOL WITH PAKISTAN
Adsul Shri Anandrao Vithoba;Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has assessed the security scenario in view of the agreement to sign the revised shipping protocol with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government has also surveyed the impact of the said protocol on Indian Shipping companies;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether requests have been received for similar protocols from other countries; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 FOR ANSWER ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING SHIPPING PROTOCOL WITH PAKISTAN BY SHRI GANESH SINGH AND SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL

(a) to (f). Revised Shipping Protocol to be signed with Pakistan seeks to remove restrictions on lifting of third country cargo by Indian and Pakistani vessels from each others' ports. It also seeks to lift the restriction that the cargo destined for the other country can be carried only by an Indian or Pakistani vessel. These changes will help Shipping Companies of both countries. Such restrictions are not there with other countries. Security implications of the revised Protocol have been considered by the concerned agencies.